

# **CLARK COUNTY CLEAN WATER COMMISSION**

## **Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

6:30 – 9:00 PM

Public Works Maintenance and Operation Center  
4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street

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### Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Robbie Agard, Anne Jackson, Bill Owen, Susan Rasmussen, Judy Schramm Don Steinke, Art Stubbs, and Virginia vanBreeman

### Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, Earl Rowell, Ron Wierenga, and Jason Wolf

### Public

Randy Hullinger and Boy Scout of American Troop 449

### **Call to Order**

#### *Introduction*

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, the public, and Clark County staff were introduced. The meeting was then called to order.

#### *Agenda and material review*

The material for the meeting includes:

1. 05/5/04 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting agenda
2. 04/7/04 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting notes
3. 03/3/04 Clark County Clean Water Commission revised meeting notes
4. Water Related Events, May-June 2004
5. Capital Improvement Projects report
  - Article from the Columbian, April 8, 2004 – Corps acts to beef up wetlands protection
  - News Release, April 19, 2004 – Clean Water Program honors winners of the Clark County Children's Billboard Art Contest
  - The Luntz Research Companies
  - Draft – Clark County Clean Water Commission 2003 Annual Report

#### *04/07/04 meeting notes*

The 04/07/04 Clean Water Commission meeting notes were approved as submitted.

#### *Communications with the public*

Mr. Rowell talked about the Children's Billboard Art Contest in which over 650 entries were submitted by students from various schools around Clark County. On April 14, the winners of the contest were revealed at a public event held in the lobby of the Public Service Center. The event was hosted by Board of County Commissioners Betty Sue Morris and Judy Stanton. There were four winners and eight honorable mentions. The winning entries were selected to be turned into Billboards that are currently displayed at:

- Camas – NW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, west of Drake
- Vancouver – NE Minnehaha Street, ½ mile east of St. Johns
- Battle Ground – State Hwy 502 at NW 20<sup>th</sup>
- Vancouver – NE 117<sup>th</sup> Ave south of NE 76<sup>th</sup> Street

Mrs. Rasmussen commented that she is very proud of this project because it integrates the importance of the Clean Water issue as well as promotes the arts in school. She asked, can some of the artwork can be included on the Clean Water Fee billing inserts.

Mr. Rowell replied that the Clean Water Fee billing insert has already been developed for this year.

Mr. Rowell informed the Clean Water Commissioners that there have been six applicants submitted for the vacant spot on the Commission. The Board of County Commissioners are in the process of reviewing the applications and will be selecting a new Commissioners within the next few weeks.

Mr. Rowell added that the Clean Water Commission/Board of County Commission luncheon has been scheduled for Monday, June 28 from Noon – 1:00 p.m. an invitation will be mailed. The luncheon will provide you (Commissioners) the opportunity to present the annual report to the BOCC and ask and answer any questions.

Mr. Owens requested that the Clean Water Commission meeting schedule be updated on a regular basis on the web page. Currently the information is outdated.

#### *Volunteer Monitoring Program*

Mr. Wierenga and Mr. Wolf gave a In-focus presentation on the Volunteer Monitoring program.

#### *Draft 2003 Clean Water Commission Annual Report*

Mr. Rowell reviewed the draft Clean Water Commission Annual Report with the Commissioners and asked them and present any changes by the June 2, 2004 Clean Water Commission meeting. Mr. Rowell stated that he would like to have the final report available at the June 28 luncheon with the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Agard wanted to know if the Department of Community Development as talked with Contractors regarding their list of concerns (see page 4 of the draft annual report – Motion 2003-0205-01). Mr. Agard does not feel that erosion control should be a concern of the Clean Water Commission.

Mr. Owen requested more clarification from the Department of Community Development before disregarding their concerns.

Mr. Owen suggested adding another Next Step for the Commissioners in 2004, which would focus on looking at low impact development.

All the Commissioners agreed that they wanted to add discussing incentives and low impact development to the Next Steps section of the Annual Report (see page 9 – under Next Steps).

Mr. Rowell stated that the state has passed a rain harvesting ordinance in which a Clean Water Fee Customer has the opportunity to earn up to a ten percent reduction in their fee for capturing and harvesting rain water. This could have an effect on Clean Water Fees.

#### *Next Meeting*

The next Clean Water Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 2, 2004 at the Clark County Public Works Maintenance and Operations Center, 4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### **Adjourn**

***The Clean Water Commission meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.***

*Respectively Submitted,*

*Kelli Frost*

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